

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace Paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] The quick-release mechanism is then moved to its clamped configuration (FIG. 14B), thereby tensioning the hook 363 and urging the bracket 357 of the clamp 351 generally inward against the mounting surface 355 of the mounting member 353. This results in the bracket 357 and mounting surface 355 moving into generally parallel relationship with the hook member 361, with the rear blade 341 secured between the spacer 327 and the clamping band 343. As the quick-release mechanism 351 is moved to its clamped configuration, the clamping band 343 is pulled lengthwise toward the post 345 about which the hook 361 is seated (e.g., to the right in FIGS. 14A and 14B), causing the wedging member 349 at the other end of the clamping band to wedge between the post 345 and the clamping band such that the clamping band becomes tensioned by the lengthwise pulling of the ~~quick-release mechanism~~ quick-release mechanism 351. This tensioning of the clamping band 343 urges the clamping band to flex forward toward the retaining flange 307. The forward movement of the clamping band 343 further urges the rear blade 341, the spacer 327 and the forward blade 325 to move forward relative to the assembly plate 301 and retaining flange 307 so that the forward blade becomes clamped between the retaining flange and the front face 329 of the spacer and the rear blade becomes clamped between the rear face 331 of the spacer and the clamping band.